

REMARKS

Amendment summary

Claim 1 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication in the previous Office Action.

Claim 15 is newly added, and is supported by at least Example 1 of the present specification.

No new matter is added by this Amendment, and Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment.

Response to rejections

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Toda et al. (Japanese Patent No. JP 05-302026) in view of Watabe et al. (Japanese Patent No. JP 05-059267) (hereinafter "Toda" and "Watabe," respectively). In addition, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Toda in view of Watabe, and further in view of Hirose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,593,068).

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action of July 15, 2011, Applicant has amended the present claims to recite a compounding ratio of (B) that is 3 to 100 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of (A). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that, as indicated by the Examiner, the unexpected results are commensurate in scope with the present claims.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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